

FOUR IN BALLOON  
KILLED BY STORMShattered Bodies Found in  
Wreck on Farm.

BERLINERS IDENTIFIED

Expert Pilot and Amateurs Sail  
on Clear Day.Ride Far Into the Beauty of a  
Moonlight Night and Are Over-  
taken by Sudden Thunderstorm,  
Which Tears Vessel to Shreds and  
Makes Ghastly Example for Scores  
of Germans with Flight Fever.Berlin, April 17.—The balloon  
Delitzsch, belonging to the Bitter-  
feld Aero Club, was struck by light-  
ning during a violent storm early  
this morning. The four occupants  
were killed.The exact circumstances can  
never be known, for the only evi-  
dences are the wrecked balloon and  
the shattered bodies of the men  
who met their fate unseen, with-  
out the possibility of human help.It was a calm, clear evening when  
the Delitzsch rose in the air at Bit-  
terfeld, and the occupants were en-  
thusiastic over the perfect condi-  
tions for a night trip. Herr Luft,  
a Bitterfeld merchant and an ex-  
perienced amateur balloonist, and  
Pilot Luessenhagen, an expert aero-  
naut, were well qualified to balance  
any lack of experience on the part  
of their companions, two Leipzig  
merchants named Graupner and  
Hoeker.

STORM GATHERS SUDDENLY.

A moonlight night of rare beauty  
and calmness followed the fine evening,  
and nobody foresaw the fierce storm which  
gathered with extraordinary suddenness  
later.Early this morning a resident of  
Reichensachsen, about sixty miles from  
Bitterfeld, heard among peals of thunder  
one crash so loud that he believed light-  
ning had struck a house, but not hearing  
anything further likely to support this  
belief, he went to sleep again. Going  
out after daylight, he was astonished to  
find a wrecked balloon and four distorted  
bodies lying in his garden. The bag of  
the balloon was ripped and torn. It was  
hanging in a tree, through the boughs  
of which the men had evidently fallen.  
The smashed car of the balloon was  
nearby.From the condition of the bodies and  
the deep depressions in the ground it  
was evident that they had fallen from a  
great height. It also became apparent  
upon examination that the disaster was  
due to lightning striking the balloon.

Thought Dead Before Fall.

Whether it also killed the occupants is  
not quite certain, but there were suffi-  
cient indications to encourage the be-  
lief that they were spared the awful  
experience of falling alive to death.Herr Luessenhagen was engaged to steer  
the Parsifal alrship on the passenger  
route from Munich to Oberammergau,  
which will be inaugurated shortly.The disaster, following others that have  
lately happened in Germany, incidentally  
illustrates the enormous impetus given to  
aeronautics in the empire, initially due  
to Count Zeppelin's example. The gov-  
ernment's aim to lead the world in  
aeronautics has infected the country with  
flight fever, and besides official and com-  
mercial enterprises running in the air  
have become a fashionable craze. Every  
large town now has a balloon club, and  
ascents are so constant that accidents  
are likely henceforth to be as frequent  
as automobile disasters.

MAY SUCCEED MARISCAL.

Former Ambassador Creel Gets a  
Summons to Mexico City.Cihuahua, Mexico, April 17.—Gov.  
Enrique C. Creel has been summoned to  
the capital by President Diaz. It is un-  
derstood here that he will be tendered  
the ministry of foreign relations to succeed  
the late Ignacio Mariscal. It is said that  
he will accept.

BLIZZARD IN MIDDLE WEST.

Fruit Crops Damaged by Snow and  
Ice Prominently.Chicago, April 17.—A blizzard prevailed  
in the Central Western States last night  
and to-day, doing much damage to grow-  
ing vegetables.At some points in Iowa ice formed to  
the thickness of four inches.The peach and apple crops over almost  
the entire State have been ruined.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia  
and Maryland—Rain and cooler  
to-day; to-morrow, fair; light to  
moderate variable winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages:  
1—Four Balloonists Killed.  
Hungarians Chir Roosevelt.  
Wants Roosevelt as Candidate.  
Liner Minnehaha Wrecked.  
D. A. R. Congress Opens To-day.  
2—A. J. Halford Dead.  
Actress Addresses Suffragists.  
Operation Will Save Women.  
3—Conservatives Outline Plans.  
To-day's D. A. R. Programme.  
Services for D. A. R.  
4—Editorial.  
5—News of Society.  
Nuncio Not Sent to Roosevelt.  
Gould-Drexel Wedding Plans.  
6—Sporting News and Comment.  
7—Feminine News and Fashion.  
8—Commercial and Financial.  
Letters from the People.  
9—Chevy Chase Election To-day.  
Columbia Union Nominates.

NATION'S SALVATION  
ROOSEVELT AGAINPoindexter Says He Can Save  
Country from Thieves.

## BITTERLY SCORES BALLINGER

Likens the Whole Conservation Sit-  
uation to the Story of Little Red  
Riding Hood, with Ballingerites,  
Conservationists, Pinchot, and  
Roosevelt as the Characters.New York, April 17.—Miles Poindexter,  
Representative in Congress from the  
Third Washington district, told an audi-  
ence at Cooper Union to-night that the  
only way to keep the country out of  
the hands of thieves is to re-elect The-  
odore Roosevelt President of the United  
States. He took his indorsement of  
Col. Roosevelt to the end of a long  
speech, in which he roasted Secretary  
of the Interior Ballinger, praised Gif-  
ford Pinchot, and warned the People's  
Institute folk that a gigantic conspiracy  
has been organized to steal every na-  
tional resource worth having."I had not intended to say this," said  
Mr. Poindexter, "but the thought has  
occurred to you as well as to me that if  
we are to save our riches for the gener-  
ations to come we must call upon the  
men who have never failed us. There is  
one who is in the minds of all of us, and  
I say to you that the only way we can  
preserve the policy of conservation and  
foil the conspirators is to re-elect The-  
odore Roosevelt."

Cause of More Checks.

There were perhaps 1,500 people in the  
great hall of Cooper Union, and most of  
them got to their feet and whooped ap-  
proval. They had had the chance to  
yell for Col. Roosevelt once or twice be-  
fore. Mr. Poindexter said the present  
situation as regards the fight against  
conservation reminded him of the shock-  
ing end of Little Red Ridinghood. If the  
story could be evolved into a playlet  
with a modern application the cast would  
be as follows:The wolf—All the Ballingerites.  
Grandmother—Conservation policy.  
Little Red Ridinghood—Gifford Pinchot.  
The woodcutter—Theodore Roosevelt."The theory of our government," said  
the Congressman, "is that our national  
resources, when parcelled out, should be  
equally distributed, so as to encourage  
settlement and homemaking. But the  
insatiable greed of a few who are never  
satisfied has brought about a conspiracy.  
The conspirators aim at acquiring, by  
actual grant or by the control of trans-  
portation facilities, all of the coal of  
the vast regions of Alaska. Unless you  
take a stand at the next election, that  
conspiracy will be successful. There are  
\$300,000,000 worth of coal lands in Alaska  
that the greedy are striving to get pos-  
session of. These lands belong to the  
people. It would be wicked, as well as  
foolish, for you to permit these tre-  
mendously rich possessions to pass into  
the hands of the special interests."

Mistaken Public Idea.

"People have a habit of saying there  
is so much coal in Alaska and elsewhere  
that we do not need to conserve; that  
there will be plenty to last all time.  
That is a mistake. We may wake up to  
a realization of our folly when it is too  
late."Mr. Poindexter said that many people  
do not understand what conservation  
means. It does not mean that forest and  
other reserves are not to be used, but  
that they are not to be destroyed. He  
said that the timber interests in the  
Northwest were trying their best to abo-  
lish the forest reserves, and that they  
were sending representatives to Wash-  
ington to knock out the conservation  
scheme."If you do not wake up and act against  
these," said Mr. Poindexter, "millions of  
acres of the most fertile land on the  
globe will be turned into a desert. If  
the trees go, the water courses will  
dry up.""The grabbers are shouting for States'  
rights. It's funny to hear them. They  
never thought of States' rights until they  
saw a chance to put more millions in  
their pockets. Those men have grown so  
powerful that the States can't control  
them. Only the national government is  
big enough.""I say to you, don't surrender. Go to  
the polls and show what you think by  
your votes. Besides, the man who has  
been hunting lions in Africa will be home  
soon. Then we will see."

## QUADRUPLETS ON FIRST TRIP.

Canadian Parents Receive Gift from  
King for Babies.Ottawa, April 17.—The first quadruplets  
that ever went into the Canadian North-  
west have just passed here on their way  
to Lacombe, Alberta. David Grant and  
wife, of Wentworth, Nova Scotia, are the  
parents. His majesty the king gave them  
a present of \$500 for each of the quad-  
ruplets, two boys and two girls, aged  
eleven months, all alive and well.

With the \$2,000 they decided to go West.

HUNGARIANS CRY  
"LONG LIVE T. R."Eighteen Speeches His Pay  
of Gratitude.

MUSIC AND CHEERING

Noblemen, Fiddlers, Men, Wom-  
en, and Children Met.At Pressburg, on the Frontier, Count  
Apponyi, Former Premier, with  
Mayor and Party, Accord Magyar  
Welcome on Roosevelt's Arrival  
from Vienna, and This Is the Be-  
ginning of the Demonstrations.Budapest, April 17.—Roosevelt's wel-  
come to Hungary surpassed anything he  
is likely to experience during his whole  
tour.The crowds and the enthusiasm could  
not have been greater if the people had  
been welcoming the savior of the coun-  
try. Nine addresses of welcome and nine  
speeches of thanks formed part of the  
programme of his third Sunday in  
Europe.Leaving Vienna at 9:56 o'clock this  
morning, an enthusiastic crowd bade him  
farewell. At Pressburg, on the Hun-  
garian frontier, Count Apponyi, formerly  
Hungarian prime minister, and a band of  
fiddlers, met him. The mayor welcomed  
him in the Magyar language. Then a  
local orator, in fluent English, made an  
impassioned speech to "the great apostle  
of freedom," concluding with a quota-  
tion from Longfellow.

Makes Pervent Reply.

Roosevelt's reply was almost equally as  
fervent as he told how long he had  
admired and loved Hungary, which every  
man from the Western States of America  
must do.Count Apponyi, with his head tied up,  
having met with an accident yesterday  
while teaching his little daughter to drive.

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## TOO DULL FOR FOSS.

New Democratic Representative Is  
Disappointed with Congress.Representative Eugene Noble Foss, who  
saddened the hearts of Republicans by  
getting himself elected to Congress from  
the Fourteenth Massachusetts district,  
hitherto unopposed by Democratic lead-  
ership, is disappointed with Congress."There isn't enough doing," he confided  
to a friend just before leaving for Bos-  
ton to spend Sunday and get livened up  
a bit. "Congress needs a good waking  
up.""Maybe times will be better in the  
House after the fall elections," suggested  
Representative Champ Clark, of Mis-  
sour."I'll not be here to care," was the  
cheerful answer of the new member, who  
expects to be a candidate for governor  
of the Bay State, and agreed before his  
election not to run again.LAW GUARDS BED  
OF DYING WOMANRelatives Feared Attempt to  
Get Rich Estate.Baltimore, April 17.—To prevent the  
\$50,000 estate of Mrs. Matilda Folks, gen-  
erally known as Mrs. Yearley, aged sev-  
enty-one, from going to persons who had  
no claim upon it, State's Attorney Owens  
interfered when the woman was on her  
death bed, and for three weeks her home  
was guarded by police until she died  
this morning. She was attended by two  
trained nurses engaged by the State's  
attorney. The police and the nurses  
were under instruction to say nothing  
about the case until after the death of  
the woman."It was one of the most peculiar cases  
I have come across," said the State's  
attorney to-night. "When I learned what  
was being done with Mrs. Folks I took  
full possession of her house.""Yesterday I had myself appointed re-  
ceiver for Mrs. Folks, as I realized that  
she was dying. I am still in charge, but  
will be very willing to step down and let  
some authorized person, relative or next  
of kin, take my place."The information received by the State's  
attorney which caused him to have the  
house guarded was that Mrs. Folks had  
willed her property to a saloon keeper  
and his wife. The State's attorney also  
got possession of a deed by which the  
aged woman had turned over some valu-  
able property to strangers.

## TRAIN HITS MAN AND WIFE.

Traveling Hardy-Gurdy Players  
Struck at Crossing.Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 17.—While cross-  
ing the tracks of the Central Railroad  
of New Jersey at Dupont, near here to-  
day, with a hurdy-gurdy, Dominick Mus-  
come, an Italian, and his wife, Mary, were  
struck by a fast freight train.The woman died while being taken to  
hospital at Pittston, while Muscome is  
in a serious condition, and is not ex-  
pected to live through the night.

## Mosquito Wrecked Nations.

Boston, April 17.—Prof. W. M. Wheeler,  
of Harvard University, in a lecture to-  
day said that the fall of ancient Greece  
and Rome was directly due to the mos-  
quito, which introduced malaria from  
Egypt and Asia.

## POLICE GET FUGITIVE.

Young Filipino Wanted in Wash-  
ington for Grand Larceny.New York, April 17.—Benito Costello, a  
Filipino, twenty-two years old, who says  
he is a bellboy, and that he has been  
living at 122 West 134th street, was ar-  
rested to-night by Detective Donohue, of  
the Harlem branch detective bureau, and  
was locked up at police headquarters as a  
fugitive from justice from Washington.Costello is wanted in this city for grand  
larceny.

## BAY STORM-TOSSED.

Vessels Tack to Safety in Raging  
Wind and Rain.Special to The Washington Herald.  
Baltimore, Md., April 17.—A heavy rain-  
storm has been raging on the Chesape-  
ake Bay since last night. Nearly every  
incoming steamer to-day was behind time.Ninety-seven members of the Knights  
of Columbus, of this city, started out  
last night on the steamer John Dumont  
for Leonardtown, where they had in-  
tended installing a new council. The  
boat was battered about at will. Early  
this morning Capt. Mills pushed her head  
toward Oxford, arriving there at 4:15  
a. m. The steamer this afternoon made  
her way back to Baltimore, without hav-  
ing reached Leonardtown.The Independent baseball team of  
Johns Hopkins University went to Ches-  
tertown yesterday on a gasoline yacht,  
and could not start back on account of  
the wind until 4:30 this morning, when  
they made their way to the mouth of  
Chester River, encountering heavy seas  
and furious winds, which turned them  
into Rock Hall. Later the storm abated,  
and they came on to Baltimore.The body of a white man was washed  
ashore near Bodkin Point early this  
morning, and it is believed he was  
drowned from a passing bay craft.HURLED WIFE OVER  
NIAGARA CATARACTMan Confesses After Six Years  
to Avoid Suicide.Antioch, Ill., April 17.—Poster Johnson  
appeared voluntarily before Justice of  
the Peace Jones yesterday and confessed  
that six years ago he threw his wife over  
Niagara Falls. He said he wanted to  
be taken back for trial, in order to es-  
cape committing suicide. He had es-  
caped suspicion in connection with the  
crime, as the coroner's jury had returned  
a verdict of "suicide" after the finding  
of the woman's body.Johnson said the murder was committed  
on October 4, 1904. He and his wife had  
had several quarrels because of the at-  
tentions Johnson paid to other women.  
Mrs. Johnson asked him to accompany  
her on a walk through the State reserva-  
tion on the American side of the falls.The quarrel was renewed during the  
walk, Johnson said. While they were on  
the edge of the river above the falls  
Johnson, in a fit of anger, pushed his  
wife into the stream, watching until she  
was swept over the cataract.No further trace was found of the  
woman until October 25, when her body  
was seen floating in the whirlpool on the  
Canadian side. It was taken ashore and  
identified as that of Mrs. Johnson.

## TWO FEUDISTS DIE.

Father and Son Victims and Three  
Others Are Injured.Lyons, Ga., April 17.—As the result of  
a feud battle here to-day, A. S. Collins  
and his son Marion are dead, James  
Lewis is dying, and Martin Hill and  
Harry Johnson, friends of Lewis, are  
badly wounded.Collins and his son, while walking along  
the principal street, were attacked by  
the three men, who had long been at  
outs with the Collins family.The men used revolvers, and the firing  
was fast and furious. The elder Collins  
fell first. Two of his opponents were  
then dropped by the younger Collins.  
The latter then fell dead. As he fell he  
inflicted a mortal wound in the breast  
of the only man left standing, Lewis,  
and the elder Collins had long been bit-  
ter enemies. It is alleged that Lewis  
once insulted the wife of Collins.

## DINES WITH CHOATE.

Lord Kitchener Meets Sir Ernest  
and Lady Shackleton.New York, April 17.—Joseph H. Choate  
had Lord Kitchener to dinner to-day.  
Mr. Choate's acquaintance with Lord  
Kitchener dates from the time when Mr.  
Choate was ambassador to the Court of  
St. James. The dinner was informal and  
except for the presence of Lord Kitchener  
and Sir Ernest and Lady Shackleton, it  
was a family matter.Lord Kitchener's day was pretty quiet.  
Before he went over to Mr. Choate's, he  
was called on by a number of persons  
to most of whom he excused himself.  
One of the callers was a man who pro-  
fessed to have "served with K. of K. for  
fourteen years and wanted to see him  
bad, sir," but he wasn't gratified. His  
card came back with Lord Kitchener's  
regrets that he was very busy.Lord Kitchener got back to the plaza  
from Mr. Choate's at about 5 o'clock, and  
went directly to his rooms. To-morrow  
night he will be the guest of the Pil-  
grims at a formal dinner at the Waldorf.Among the men who will speak to the  
Pilgrims and Lord Kitchener after the  
dinner are James Bryce, British Ambas-  
sador at Washington; George von L. Mey-  
er, Secretary of the Navy; Mayor Gaynor,  
Nicholas Murray Butler, president of  
Columbia University, and Patrick Francis  
Murphy.

## Aldridge Backers Offer 5 to 3.

Rochester, N. Y., April 17.—Late to-  
night a pool aggregating \$5,000 was for-  
med at the Rochester Hotel to bet on  
Aldridge to \$3,000 on Havens, and the  
Havens men were notified. None of the  
pool money was taken.NEW YORK LINER  
WRECKED AT SEAMinnehaha Strikes on Seal  
Rocks, Scilly Islands.

PASSENGERS IN PANIC

Safely Landed on Bryher Island,  
According to Report.Capt. Layland Stays with Vessel,  
Which Left America April 9 on  
Regular Trip for London—George  
Marion, Manager for Henry W.  
Savage, and Frederick Keppel, an  
Art Dealer, Among Passengers.London, April 17.—The Atlantic Trans-  
port Line steamer Minnehaha, Capt. Lay-  
land, from New York, April 9, for Lon-  
don, has been wrecked on the Seal Rocks,  
Scilly Islands. Her passengers and crew  
are being landed on Bryher Island, one  
of the Scilly group.There is a light westerly wind blowing.  
The entire southern coast of England is  
enveloped in fog. It is to this, no doubt,  
that the disaster is due.News reached the Lizard signal station  
at 2:10 o'clock this morning. It was con-  
veyed in a wireless dispatch from the  
Minnehaha herself.

Assistance Is Dispatched.

Falmouth has been ordered by the  
Lloyds Agency to send assistance to the  
stranded ship.The Scilly Islands, the highest points of  
the submerged and mythical land of Lo-  
rynesia, and for centuries known as a  
graveyard of ships, lie twenty-seven  
miles southwest of Lands End, in Corn-  
wall, and forty miles west of Lizard  
Point, of 50 north latitude and 6 west  
longitude.The group of islands and partially  
submerged rocks, all of them outlines of  
the granite highlands of Cornwall, com-  
prise a circuit of about thirty miles in  
extent.The six larger islands, which are in-  
habited, are St. Mary's, Treco, St. Mar-  
tin's, St. Agnes, Sampson, and Bryher,  
upon the last of which the passengers  
from the Minnehaha are being landed.  
This latter bit of land is only 200 acres in  
extent.

Rocks Surround Islands.

The group consists of fully 140 islands  
and rocks, ranging in size from 1,535  
acres in extent, which is that of St.  
Mary's, to half submerged rocks, the ter-  
ror of the navigators when the fog hangs  
low over the surrounding waters. Only  
five of the islands are inhabited at pres-  
ent, though in olden times pirates,  
wreckers, and smugglers made the lit-  
tle-known coves and inlets of the smallest  
of the dots of land their refuge.New York, April 17.—It was said at  
the Atlantic Transport pier to-night that  
word had been received that the Minne-  
haha had gone on the rocks and that the  
passengers were taken off, but the cap-  
tain stuck to his ship.

Some of the Passengers.

George Marion, producing manager for  
Henry W. Savage, is one of those on the  
Minnehaha. He sailed with Mrs. Marion  
in order to inspect some of the plays Mr.  
Savage brought on the other side.Frederick Keppel, the art dealer, was  
another of the Minnehaha's list. His son  
is the new dean of Columbia College. Mr.  
Ovington, also a passenger, is the China  
merchant.The Minnehaha was built at Belfast in  
1900 by Harland & Wolff. She is 600.7  
feet long, 65.5 feet in breadth, and her  
depth is 33.9 feet. She is of 8,547 tons.  
She uses water ballast. The Minnehaha  
is schooner rigged. She has two screws,  
with two four-cylinder quadruple expan-  
sion engines, and her nominal horsepower  
is 1,257.

## POISONED BY CANDY.

Fifty Dogs Killed and Many Chil-  
dren Are Ill.Mount Victory, Ohio, April 17.—As a  
result of poisoned candy having been  
scattered in the streets here several times  
within the past two weeks, fifty dogs  
were killed and at least a dozen children  
were made ill.The candy was placed in the streets at  
night and the person or persons who  
committed the act are unknown.

## WILL INVADE WEST.

Wickersham to Talk to Illinois Law-  
yers in June.Attorney General George W. Wickers-  
ham, who defied the insurgent Republi-  
cans in a speech in Chicago a week  
ago, he agreed to "make another trip  
into the enemies' country." This time  
Mr. Wickersham expects to talk law, not  
politics.Some time in June, at a date not yet  
fixed, the Attorney General will speak at  
a meeting of the Illinois Bar Association  
in Chicago, and tickets for the gathering  
are already at a premium.

## BOY LASSOED AN AUTOMOBILE.

Forgot Rope Was Tied to His Waist,  
and Was Dragged Hundred Feet.Bridgeport, N. J., April 17.—Clarence  
Young, a boy who is fond of playing  
"Wild West," is regretting his fondness  
for the sport to-day, for he is in bed  
with innumerable bruises and scratches.  
Yesterday afternoon he lassoed the au-  
tomobile of Henry Townsend, of the Cum-  
berland Glass Company, as it sped past  
him. He was clever and roped one of the  
front lamps.But Clarence forgot that the rope was  
tied about his waist. The car was going  
so fast that he was dragged 100 feet be-  
fore Townsend realized what the matter  
was and stopped the car. Clarence was a  
bedraggled object when picked up, but  
a doctor said there was nothing seriously  
wrong with him.

## SIX DRINKERS SHOT.

Two Are Dead in Kentucky Resort  
Where Local Option Prevails.Lexington, Ky., April 17.—One of the  
fiercest battles ever fought in a Kentucky  
drink house took place last night at the  
establishment of "Costly" Jones at Heidel-  
berg. Two men were killed instantly, two  
others mortally wounded, and two have  
wounds. The men were drinking "Malt  
Mead," the new drink that is the sub-  
stitute for beer since the local option laws  
went into effect."Costly" Jones, a nephew of Jaller C.  
A. Jones, was intoxicated and flourished  
a revolver threatening the bartender when  
some of the others attempted to disarm  
him.Jeff Wilson, whose family had for years  
been the feudal enemy of Jones, drew his  
revolver and shot Jones in the back. Elmer  
Mattox, the brother-in-law of Jeff, then  
shot Wilson and Wilson's friends. Robert  
Turner and John Swann drew their  
revolvers, as did Clay Hall.Hall was shot through the stomach and  
Mattox through the neck. Farmer got a  
bullet in his left leg and Swann, who was  
the telegraph operator at Heidelberg, was  
shot in the right foot.DATA ON THE COMET  
IN SPECIAL CHARTHydrographic Office Asks Aid  
of All Navigators.

## HALLEY'S COMET.

DAILY BULLETIN.  
April 18.—Halley's comet rises 3:37 a. m.  
to-day, and to-morrow at 3:33 a. m. S. M.  
rises, 5:12 a. m. Speed to-day, about 111,000  
miles per hour, faster than that of any of  
the planets.  
(Copyright, 1910, by Frederic Campbell.)The Hydrographic Office of the Navy  
Department has published a special  
chart, giving the path through the sky  
and other interesting information about  
Halley's comet."There is a probability," the chart says,  
"that on May 18 the comet will pass be-  
tween the earth and the sun, producing  
a transit of it across the sun's disk. The  
transit should occur between fourteen and  
sixteen hours, Greenwich mean time, of  
that date. As the transit of the comet  
across the sun's disk on May 18 will be  
visible in the Pacific, it is urgently re-  
quested that all shipmasters favored with  
a clear sky make an effort to discern the  
comet's image on the sun's disk."Commander J. J. Knapp, U. S. N., Chief  
of the Hydrographic Office, has also  
issued a general request that all ship-  
masters who view the comet will send  
to his office information as to the bright-  
ness of the comet as compared with  
neighboring stars, the angular length of  
the tail, comparing the length with the  
angular distance between bright stars  
near it, its forms and color.The chart contains tables showing that  
on April 20 the comet will be about  
111,000,000 miles from the earth. This dis-  
tance will gradually diminish until May  
20 next, when the comet will reach its  
nearest point to the earth, about 13,500,000  
miles. After that date the comet will  
rapidly leave the earth. On May 20 it  
will be 40,000,000 miles distant. It will  
disappear from view early in June.On May 18 next the earth will probably  
pass through the comet's tail.TWO BALL PLAYERS  
KILLED AT THE BATOne Hit Over the Heart and  
Another in Temple.Freeburg, Ill., April 17.—William Schmidt,  
aged twenty-eight, a member of Free-  
burg's Nine Stars baseball team, was  
killed here this afternoon while playing  
with his team against a St. Louis club.  
While Schmidt was at bat a thrown ball  
from the St. Louis pitcher hit him over  
the heart. Schmidt started to take first  
base as a result of being hit, but after  
walking a few steps threw up his hands  
and fell to the ground, dying a few  
minutes later.